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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART I

WILL YOU
PLEASE HOLD
STILL? THIS IS A
VERY DELICATE
PROCEDURE!

TWO
WORDS, ROTOR...
BORE-RING!

IT'S
STARTING
TO COME
IN...

AHHH...

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OHH... WHEN DID
WE GET ZE SCI-FI
CHANNEL?

HUSH, ANTOINE...
BACK OFF THE
LENS A BIT,
ROTOR!

LENS?... HOLY
FRIJOLES, IT'S
A CAMERA?

YES INDEED... THE FIBER
OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNT-
ED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOO,
BIG GUY! HOW'S
THE RECEPTION?

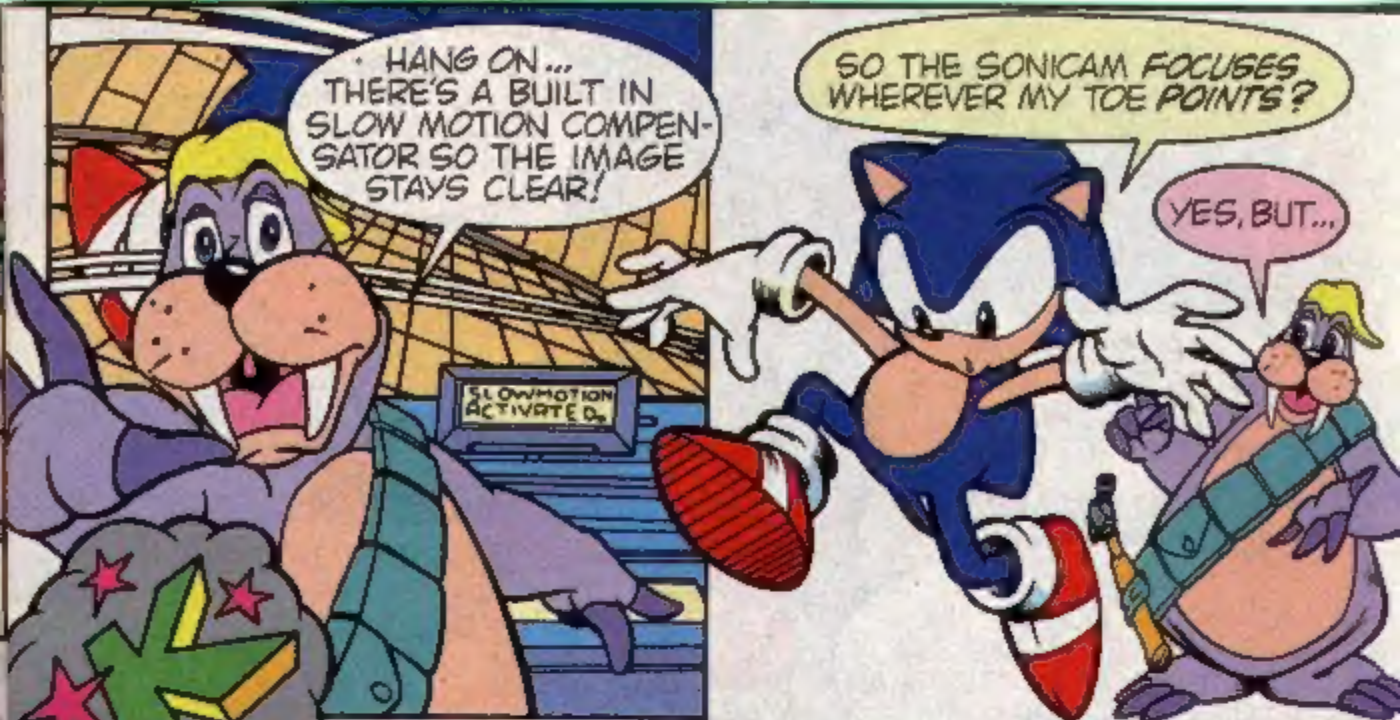
GREAT!

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MOTION SCAN-
INITIATED

LET'S SEE HOW
IT LOOKS WHEN I
ACCELERATE!

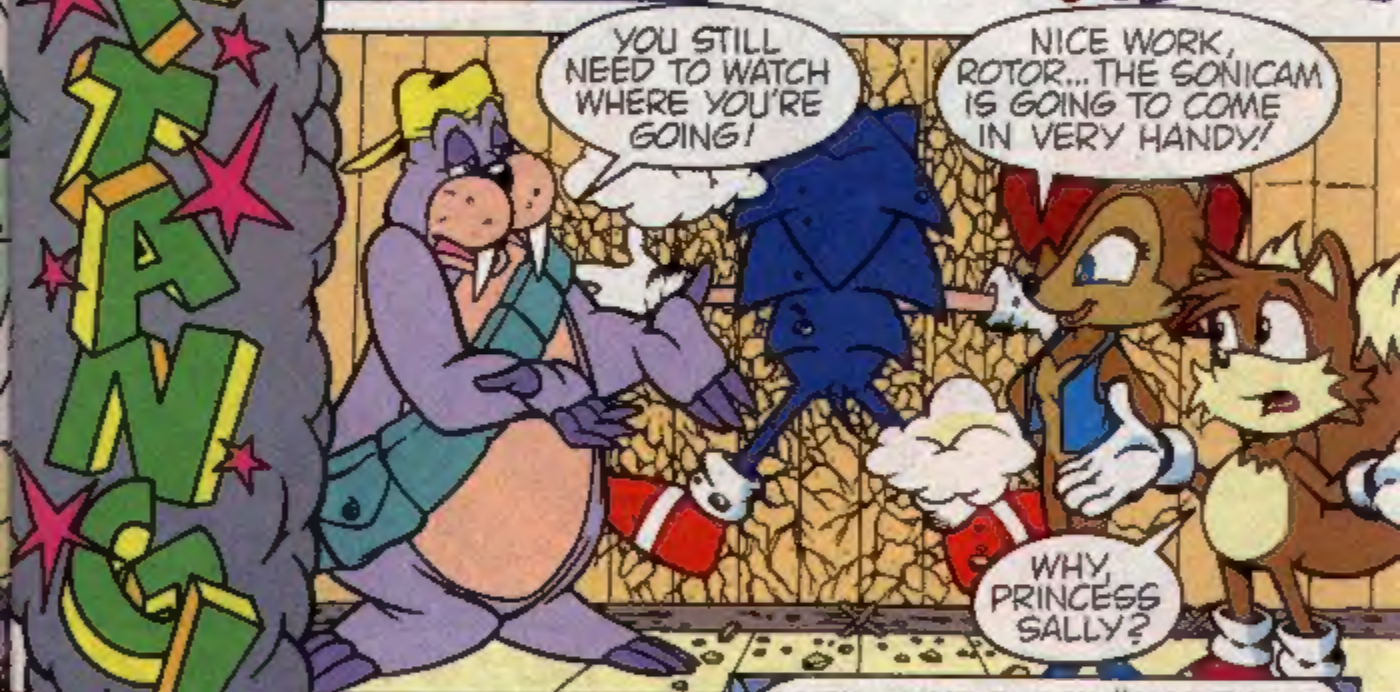
OOOOLP!
OOH! IT IS GIVING
ME ZE MOTION
SICKNESS!



HANG ON...
THERE'S A BUILT IN
SLOW MOTION COMPEN-
SATOR SO THE IMAGE
STAYS CLEAR!

SO THE SONICAM FOCUSES
WHEREVER MY TOE POINTS?

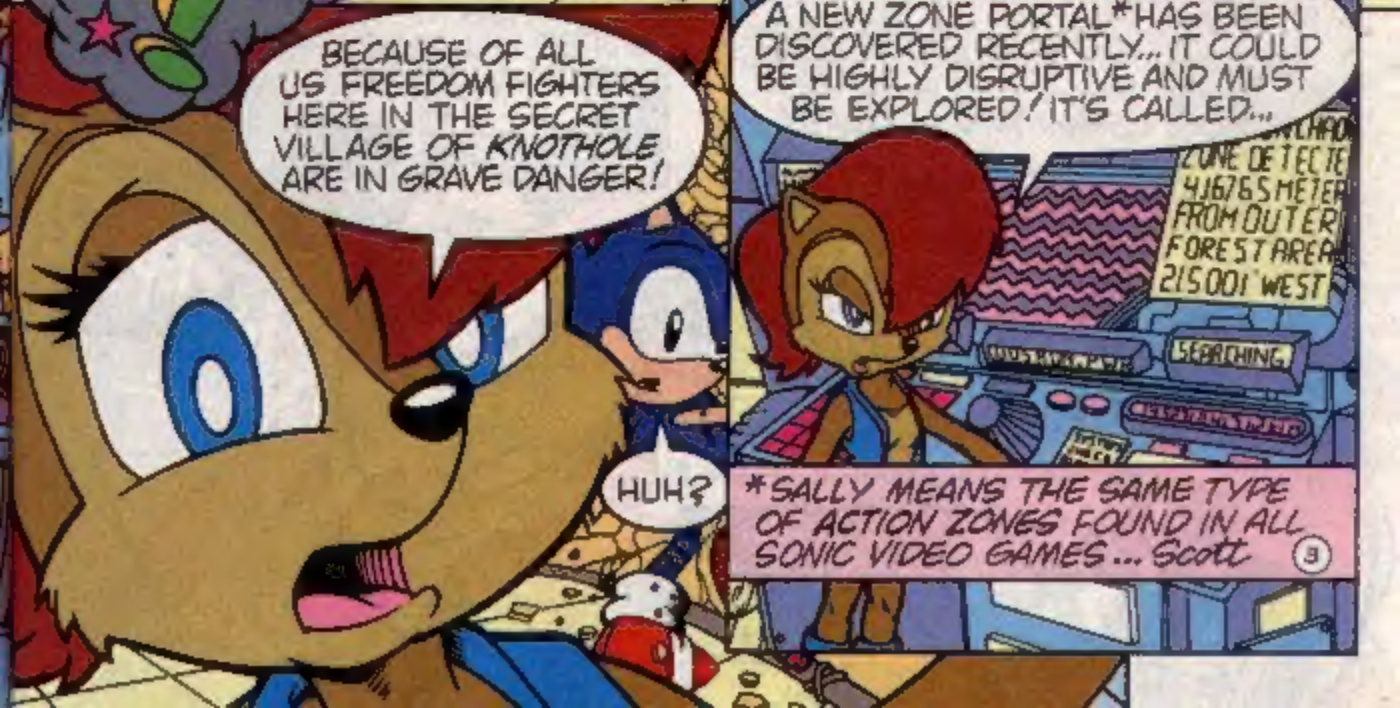
YES, BUT...



YOU STILL
NEED TO WATCH
WHERE YOU'RE
GOING!

NICE WORK,
ROTOR... THE SONICAM
IS GOING TO COME
IN VERY HANDY!

WHY,
PRINCESS
SALLY?




BECAUSE OF ALL
US FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HERE IN THE SECRET
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE
ARE IN GRAVE DANGER!

A NEW ZONE PORTAL* HAS BEEN
DISCOVERED RECENTLY... IT COULD
BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE AND MUST
BE EXPLORED! IT'S CALLED...

HUH?

*SALLY MEANS THE SAME TYPE
OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL
SONIC VIDEO GAMES... Scott



THE COLLISION
CHAOS ZONE! PERHAPS
MY MOST BRILLIANT
CREATION TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK,
HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR... PAY
NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN
BEHIND THE CURTAIN!

... BUT JUST IN
CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE
HIM BY MAKING USE OF
THESE STOLEN SONIC-
GRAM FAN LETTERS!

WHOA! TAMPERING
WITH THE MAIL IS
A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

=CHORTLE-SNICKER-CACKLE!
YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT...
I ALLOWED THE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER
THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH DVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T
ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING
HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...

HA! THAT'S
WHAT MAKES ME A
SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE
CUTTING EDGE!

RHIPP

"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO--AMY ROSE..."BAH!

AWW...A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS...
HIM!

GASP: U-YOU WOULDN'T...

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

AFFIRMATIVE

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!

MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!



WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!



WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?

NO
AND **YES**,
DISRESPECTIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE?!

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!



YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOG-- SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU
SHORT OILY
SONOFA
WOOF!





HEH! HEH! OUCH-- SONIC WILL HAVE TO--OOCH--ENTER THE ZONE NOW--OW! YOUR LITTLE SPINES HURT!

NOKI
NOKI!

YOU'LL GET HURT WORSE WHEN SONIC GETS YOU!



AH, YES... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING ME--ER--YOU! WON'T I... UM... YOU COME IN?

I... I'M TRYING! WHOOP... I'M A BIT UNSTEADY...



OOOF! IT'S HARD TO KEEP MY BALANCE IN THIS COSTUME, MASTER!

YOU'RE WEARING IT FOR A REASON, SNIVELY!

POW

SPLONK!



YOUR JOB IS TO FLY BEHIND SONIC IN MY ROBO-POD AND BURN UP THE TRAIL BEHIND HIM!

Y-Y-YESSIR!



SONIC WILL BE FORCED TO PROCEED TO THE SECOND ZONE, WHERE THE REAL CHALLENGE AWAITS--BUT IF HE LOOKS BACK, HE'LL THINK I'M FOLLOWING HIM--

WHEN ACTUALLY, I'LL BE WAITING TO SPRING MY FINAL DEADLY TRAP!

MMF

UMP

OOO

IS THIS RIGHT?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF
ORDER!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 2

YES...
LET'S HOLD A
PROPER MEETING
HERE!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR
THIS RED TAPE! AMY
ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST
PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS
HELP FAST!

SONIC! WE INTEND TO
RESCUE HER...WE'RE JUST
NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO
UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE
WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY...
DANGER IS MY
MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

BESIDES, WE
HAVE OUR VERY OWN
TRAINED SPY WHO WILL
SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION
FROM THE AIR...RIGHT,
TAILS?!

M-M-ME?

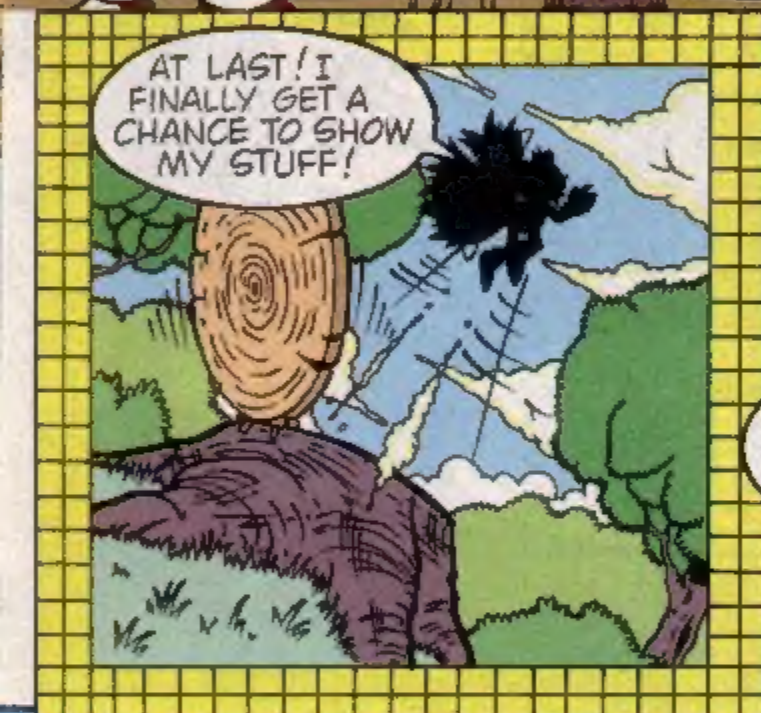




YES! FLY ON AHEAD AND GET US AN AERIAL OVERVIEW OF THIS COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

STOP! NO! THERE MUST BE A MOTION-- AND A SECOND... THEN A COMMITTEE...

SIGH ROYALTY AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... I WONDER IF PRINCESS DI HAS DAYS LIKE THIS?

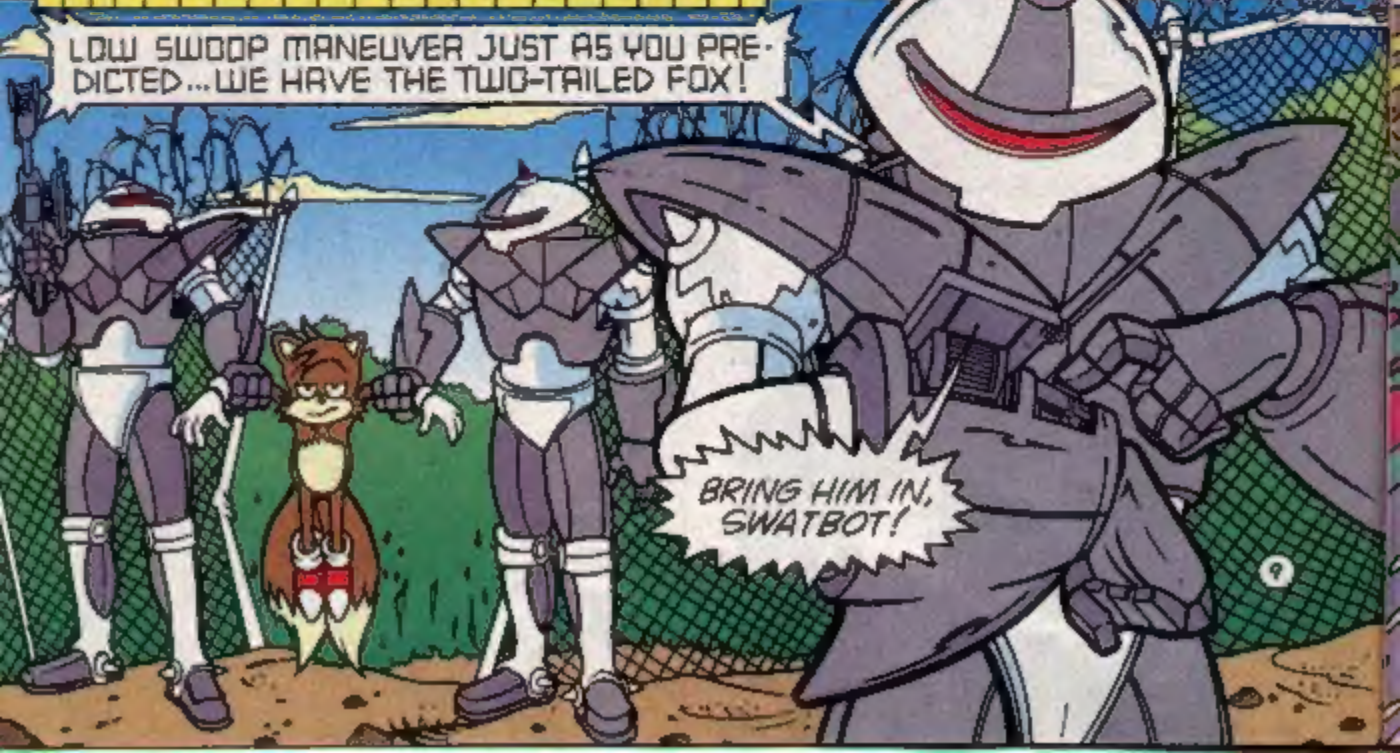


AT LAST! I FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO SHOW MY STUFF!



ACCORDING TO SALLY, THE ZONE IS WEST OF ROBOTNIK'S NEW FACTORY!

I'LL SWOOP DOWN LOW TO AVOID BEING SEEN...



LOW SWOOP MANEUVER JUST AS YOU PREDICTED... WE HAVE THE TWO-TAILED FOX!

BRING HIM IN, SWATBOT!

SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR
TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW
ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL
IS RIGHT HERE... OH, YEAH!

LISTEN UP
BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M
GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR
NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE
AND THEN PUNCH YOUR
LIGHTS OUT!

UP!
AHA!
THERE YOU
ARE!

I HAVE
ONE OTHER
ITEM FOR
YOUR AGENDA,
PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU
WILL SEE THAT I BEAN
MUSINESS... ERR...
MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT,
CAMERA
TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU
WILL SEE
THAT I
MEAN
BUSINESS!

CAMERA ONE
GET ME A
TWO SHOT OF
THE HOSTAGES
...STANDBY

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE
ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED
FRIEND TAILS! NEED ANY
MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

POING!
BRING IT ON,
10-W 40 BREATH!



ALL RIGHT!
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE CUTTIN'
LOOSE!

AT THAT
MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO
DOOFY DUPLICATE...COME
IN, DUPLICATE...SIGH THAT'S
YOU, SNIVELY, YOU
IMBECILE!!!

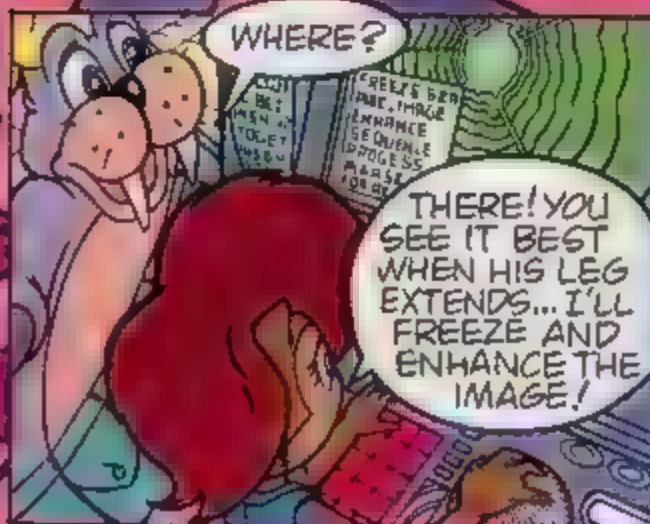
BOH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION
BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

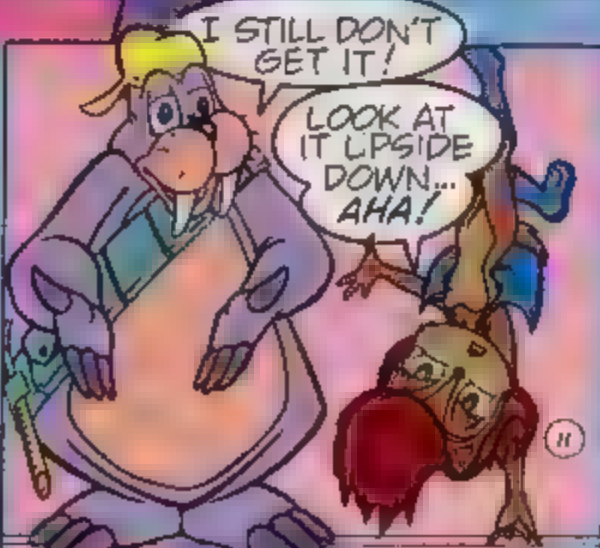
THE SONICAM'S
FUNCTIONING
BEAUTIFULLY!

YES, BUT
WHAT'S THAT
BEHIND
SONIC?



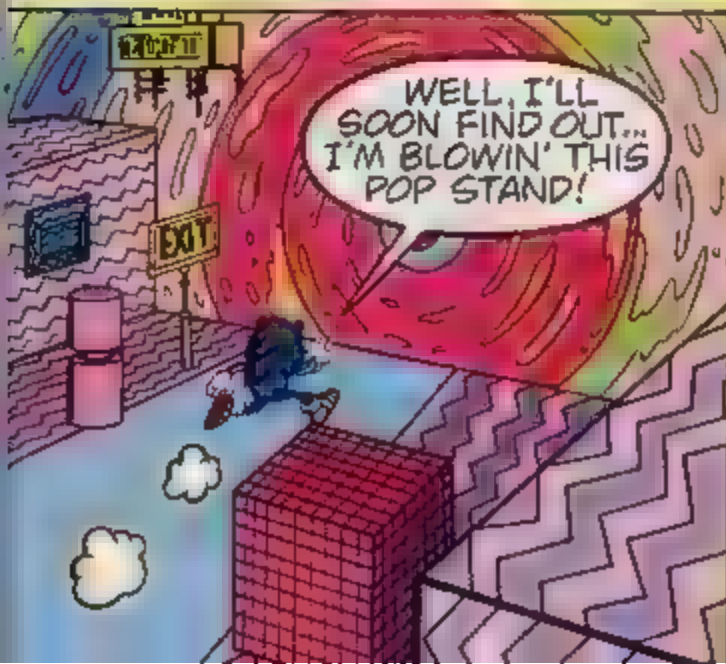
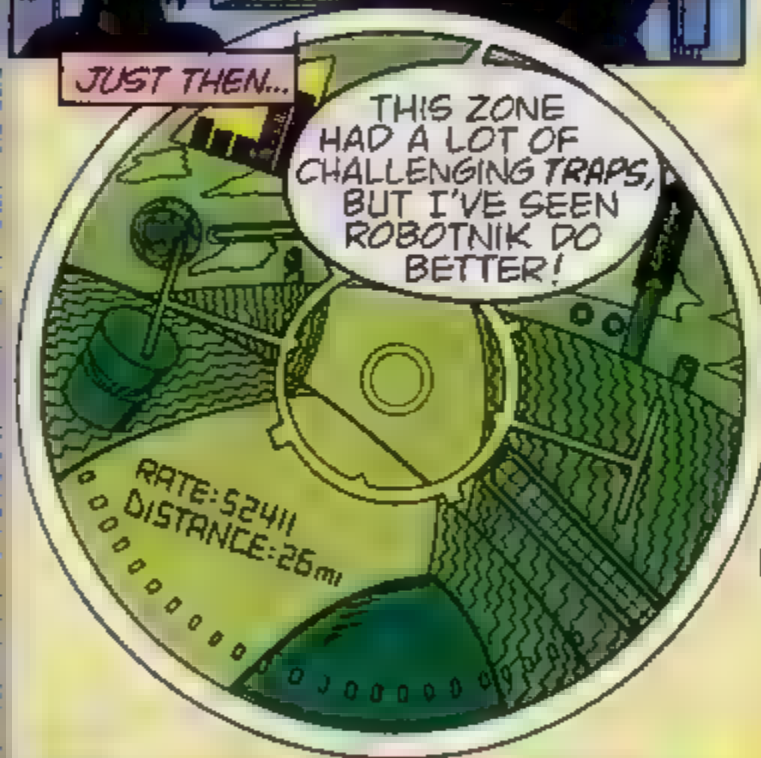
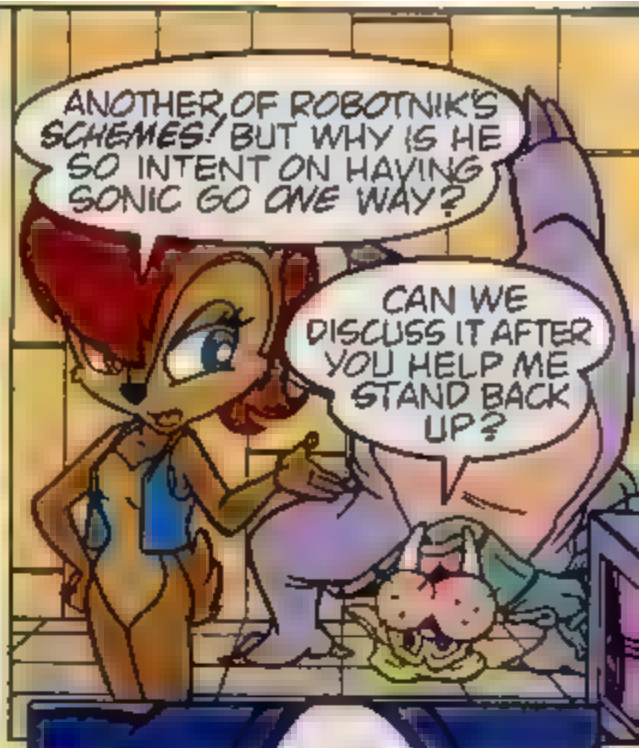
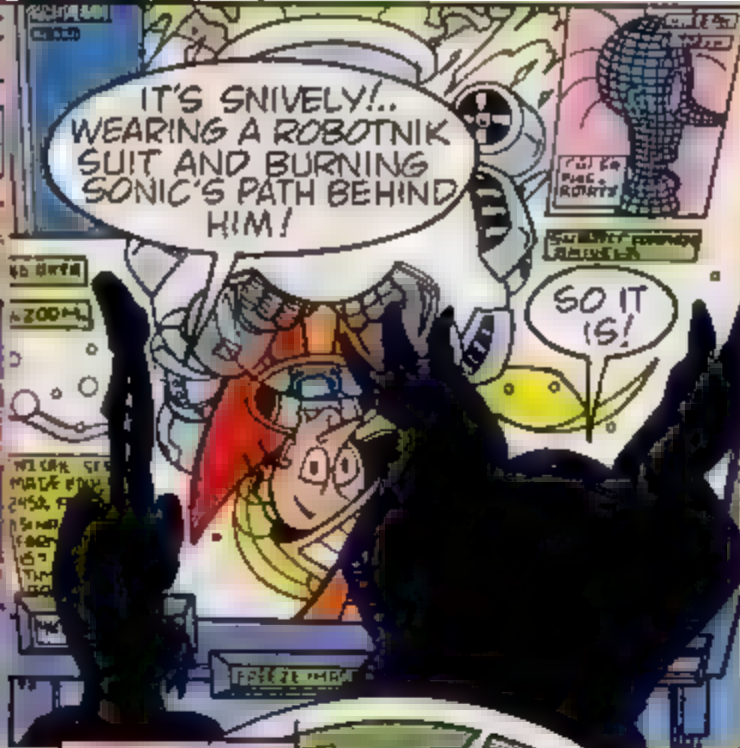
WHERE?

THERE! YOU
SEE IT BEST
WHEN HIS LEG
EXTENDS... I'LL
FREEZE AND
ENHANCE THE
IMAGE!



I STILL DON'T
GET IT!

LOOK AT
IT UPSIDE
DOWN...
AHA!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT

MECHA-SONIC!

**"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"**

PART 3

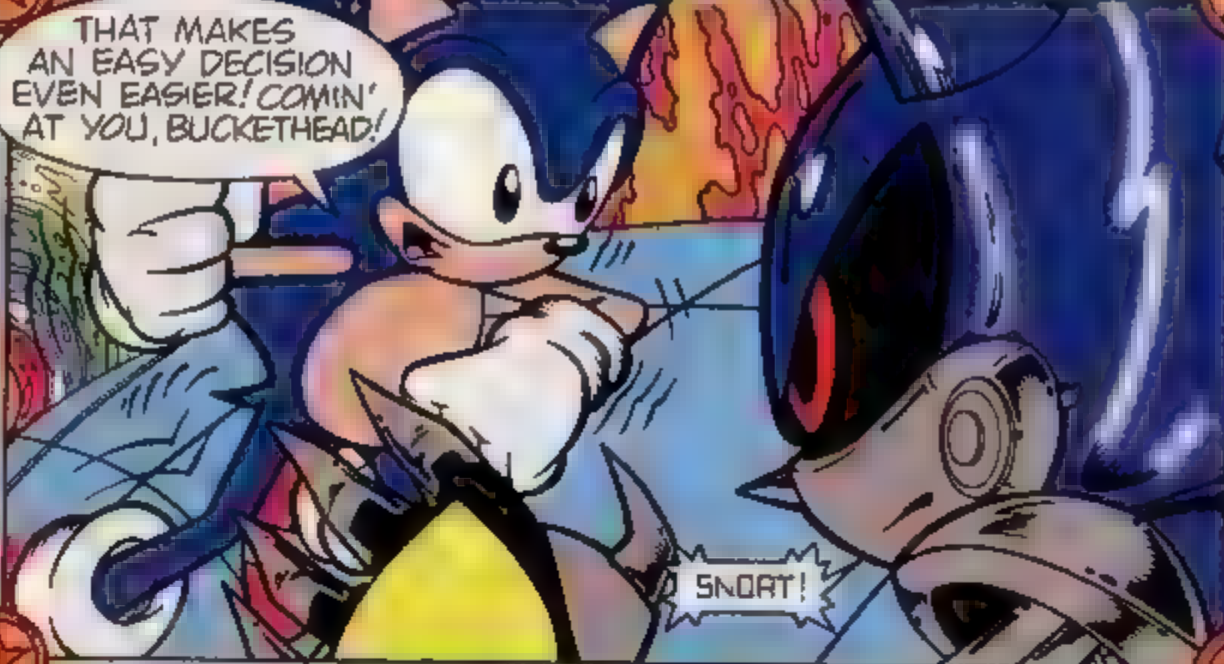
I HOPE YOU'RE
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY
DUST... STARDUST THAT
IS.. AS I HEARD THROUGH
THE STARDUST SPEEDWAY
ZONE! YOUR TWO LITTLE
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR
ME AT THE FINISH LINE!

I WONDER IF IT
WOULD BE FASTER TO
DOUBLE BACK AND...WHOO!
BAG THAT IDEA--HERE
COMES JELLYBELLY!

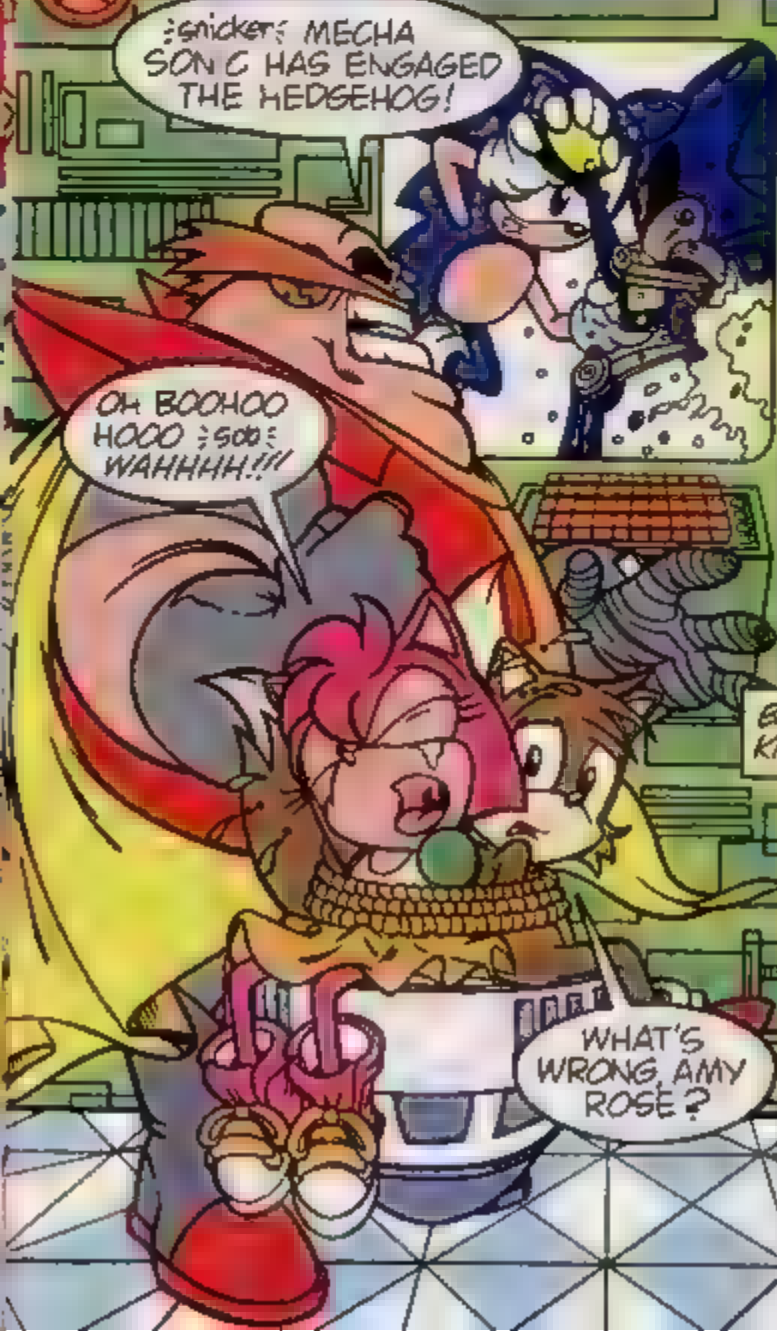
SONIC!

HELP!




THAT MAKES
AN EASY DECISION
EVEN EASIER! COMIN'
AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!

SNORT!



:snickers: MECHA
SONIC HAS ENGAGED
THE HEDGEHOG!

OH BOOHOO
HOOO :sob:
WAHHHH!!!




:sniffle: I WAS
HOPING SOMEDAY
SONIC WOULD GET
ENGAGED TO ME!

BACK IN
KNOTHOLE:

IT SEEMS THAT SONIC
HAS ENTERED ANOTHER
ZONE... ITS ENERGY FIELD
IS INTERFERING WITH
HIS SONICAM!

WHAT'S
WRONG AMY
ROSE?




TRY AND GET
A FIX ON HIS LAST
LOCATION-- IT'S
TIME FOR ACTION!

AND IN THE STARDUST
SPEEDWAY ZONE ...

HOPE YOU DON'T
MIND IF I GET A
JUMP ON YOU,
METALHEAD!

BWOING!

SORRY...THS
IS A ONE-LANE
EXT RAMP.

A comic book panel showing Sonic the Hedgehog in a futuristic city. A large, blue, mechanical robot is attacking him. Sonic is running away from the robot, and another Sonic is seen running in the background. The city has tall buildings and a large, stylized 'V' shape in the sky. Sonic is shouting "GET THE LEAD OUT, MECHA-MORON!" and the robot is shouting "COMING UP BEHIND YOU!". A speech bubble from the robot says "THUD!". Another speech bubble says "SCREEEEEE". A speech bubble from the robot says "I CONTAIN NO LEAD - ONLY STEEL TITANIUM ALLOY.". A speech bubble from the robot says "MISSING ON YOUR LEFT!". A speech bubble from the robot says "MOVING VIOLATION!". A speech bubble from the robot says "WHOOOF!".

COMING UP
BEHIND YOU!

MISSING ON
YOUR LEFT!

MOVING
VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE
LEAD OUT, MECHA-
MORON!

I CONTAIN NO
LEAD - ONLY STEEL
TITANIUM ALLOY.

AT THAT MOMENT, UP
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN
PERFECT ORDER, OH
KING CHOLESTEROL!
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE
THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE
EXPLANATION AND
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING
ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

IT'S PERFECT.
IT SPELLS:
"FNISH"!

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S CHORTLES SLICKER THAN
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS
FINAL ARCHWAY...

...AND BE
SMUSHED!

THAT WAY,
EVEN IF SONIC
WINS...

HE
LOSES!

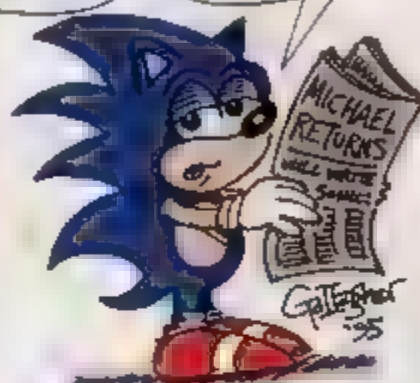
This month only:
As part of our 25th issue
celebration, instead of printing
FAN ART, we decided to treat
you to art work from some of
Sonic's comic book creators!
ENJOY!

EEEE-YAH!
HA! HA! HA!

DRAT! I
THOUGHT THEY MEANT
MICHAEL JORDAN!



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TWENTY
FIVE
ISSUES?

MY
FEET ARE
KILLIN'
ME!

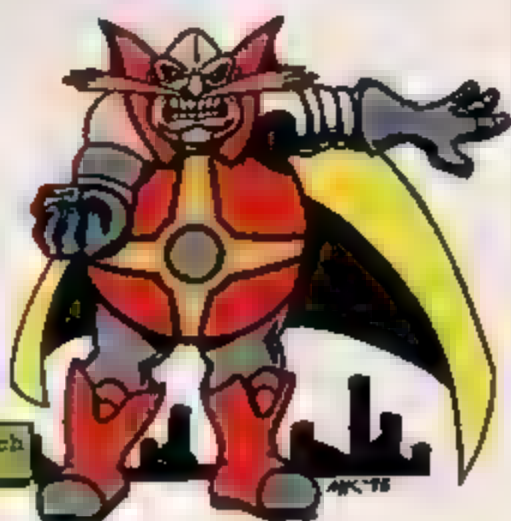


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THANKS
FOR SHARING OUR
ADVENTURES
WITH US!



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HEY! ROBOTNIK'S THE DIRTY GUY-- NOT ME!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST
BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

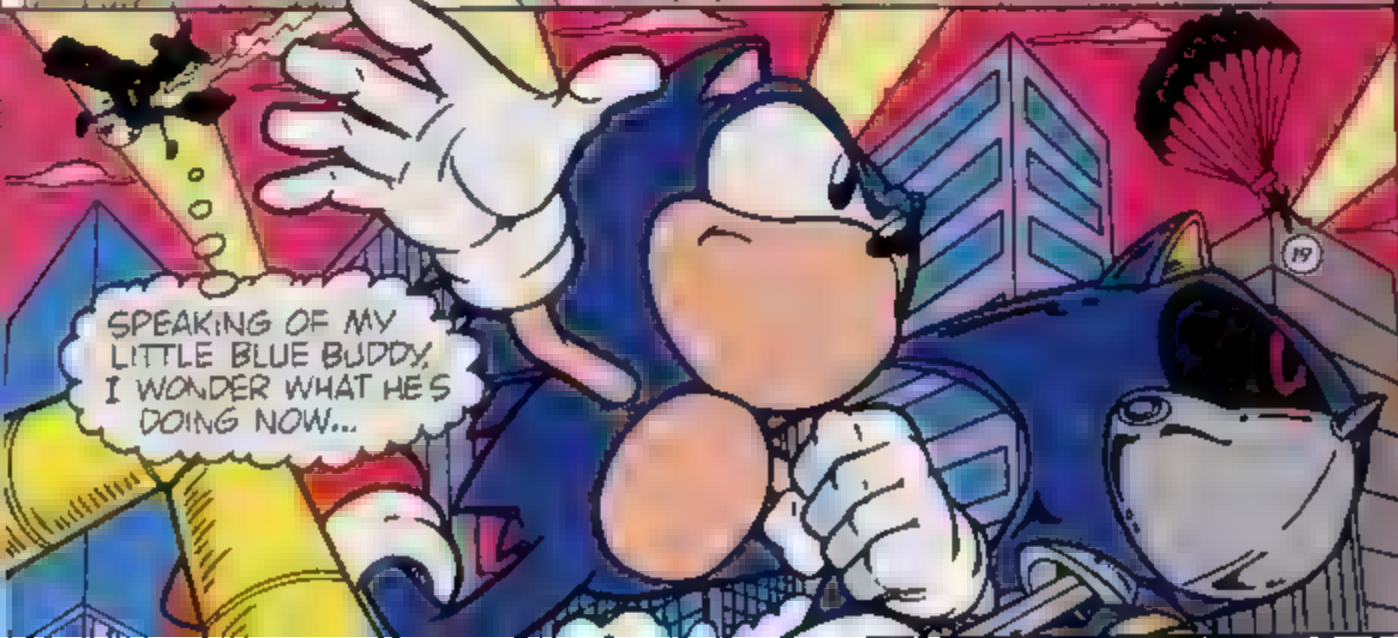
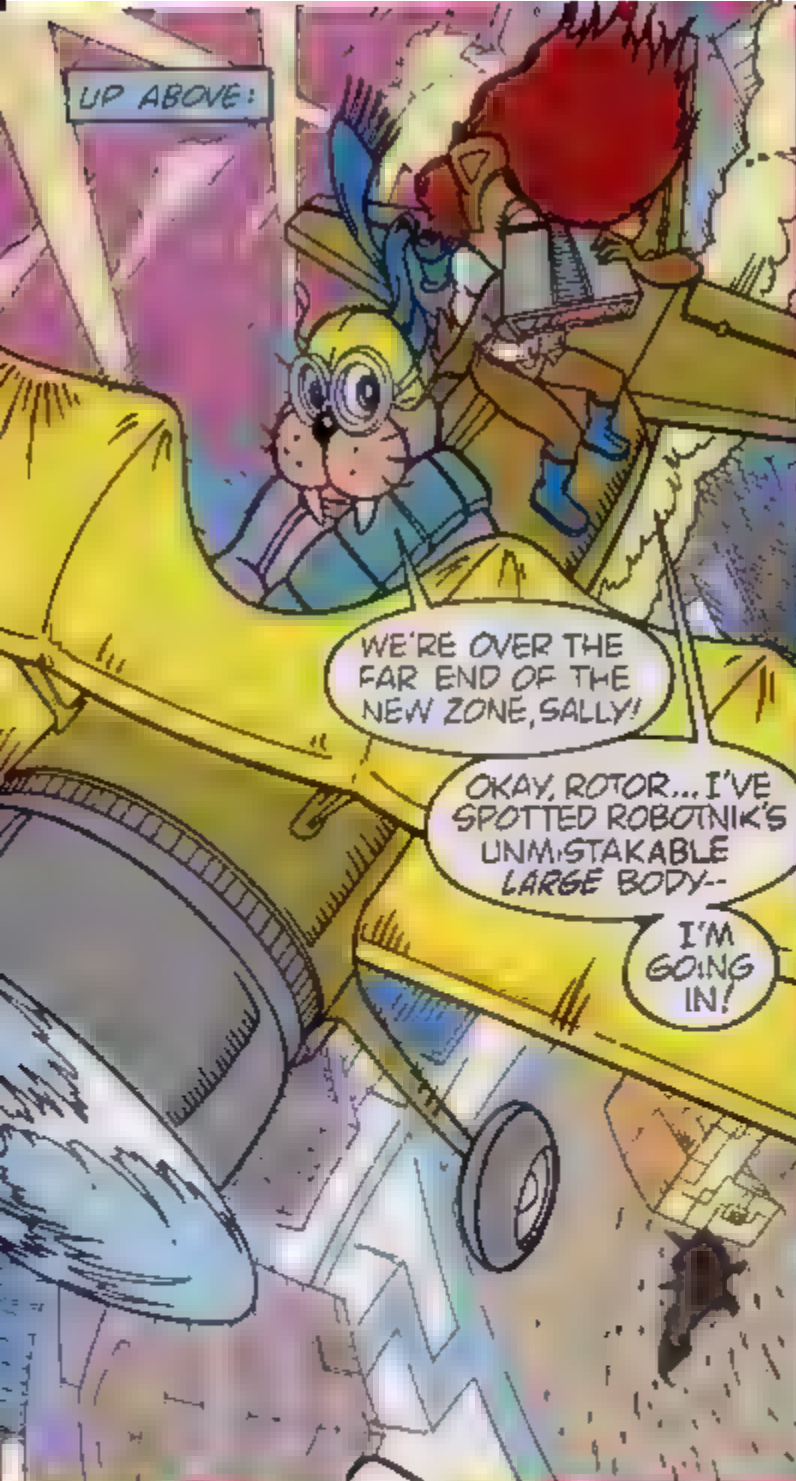
PART 9

NO WAY, SAN
JOSE! NOTHING WILL
SLOW ME DOWN!

OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-
SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALK-
ING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM-
AND THE *REAL* ME WAS
WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

WAA! THAT
MIGHT
DO IT!

TRIP!



HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG--HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP!
I'VE BEEN WORKING
ON THIS NEW MOVE
FOR A WHILE...

ONCE I DO
IT, I MOVE AT
WARP SPEED!

I SHALL
PURSUE!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT
GENERATED BY SPEED
AND FRICTION IS MELT-
ING MY METAL LEGS!

THE FIGURE
EIGHT SUPER
PEEL-OUT!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A
LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!
=BZZT= MUST--EXERT-- BEYOND--
=SQUEE= MAXIMUM!

WHEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T
TASTE THE CHILI DOGS,
STAY OUT OF THE
KITCHEN!



SURRENDER,
SNIVELY!

OKAY,
OKAY!

GET AWAY
FROM THAT BUTTON,
ROBOTNIK!

UMF! OH NO!
SONIC WENT THROUGH
THE ARCH--I MISSED
MY CHANCE!

MY
HERO!

OUR
HERO!

YES! THE
CROWD GOES
WILD!

BAH! IT'S
NOT FAIR! MY
PLAN WAS SO
FOOLPROOF...
=WHINE=

WHAT? THAT
DEVICE HOUSED IN
THE ARCH? I SAW
IT COMING A MILE
AWAY!

QUIT YOUR
BELLYACHING... I'LL
STAND UNDER IT
IF IT'LL MAKE
YOU HAPPY...

Y-YOU WUH-
WILL?..

MISSED
ME! NYUK!
NYUK!

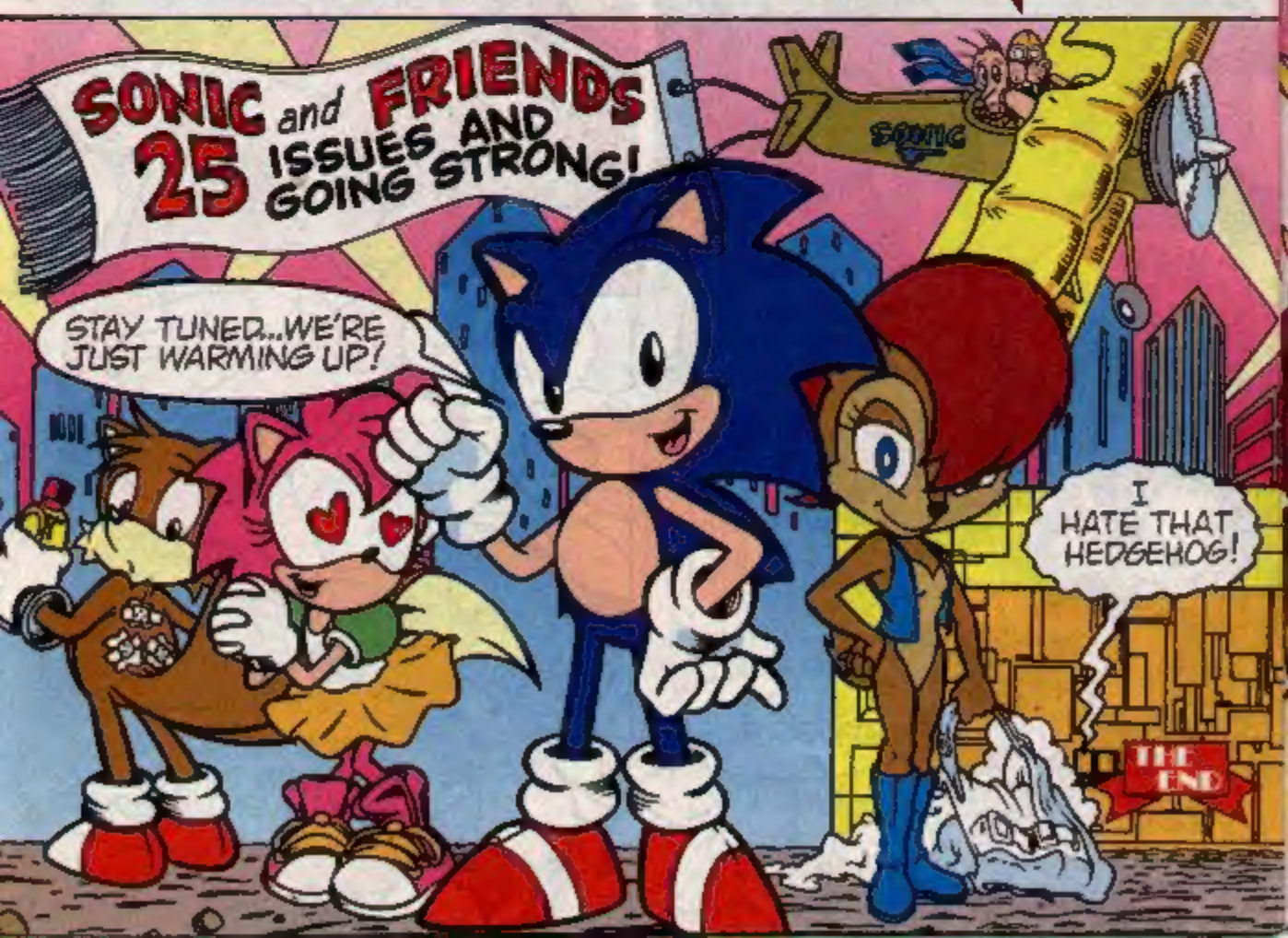
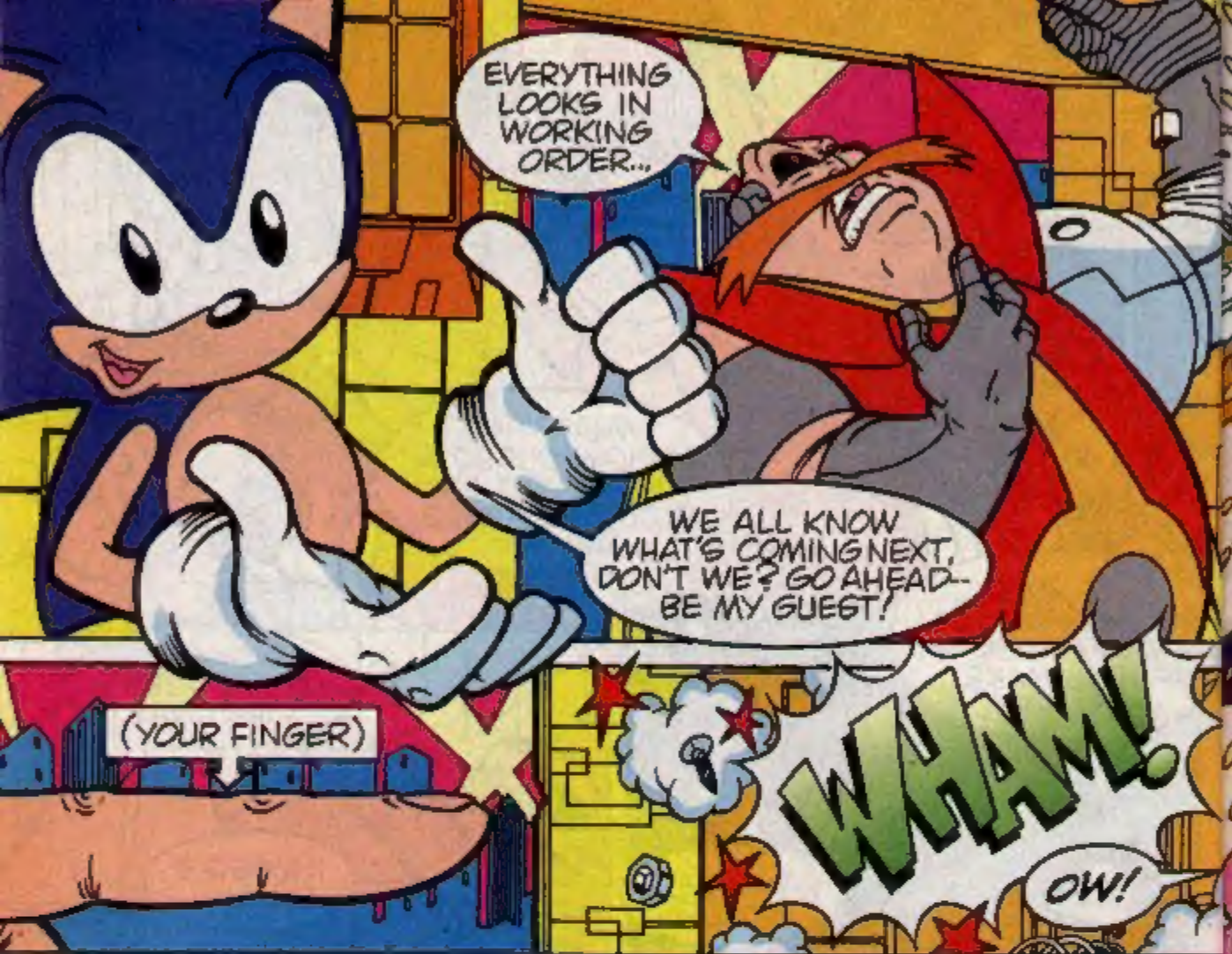
NO! IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

OKAY,
CHUBSY-UBSY...
FIRE AWAY!

INDEED I
SHALL...

GAME,
SET AND
MATCH!

BUT I PERSONALLY
DESIGNED THIS DEVICE!
WHAT WENT WRONG?





"GO AHEAD... MECHA MY DAY!"

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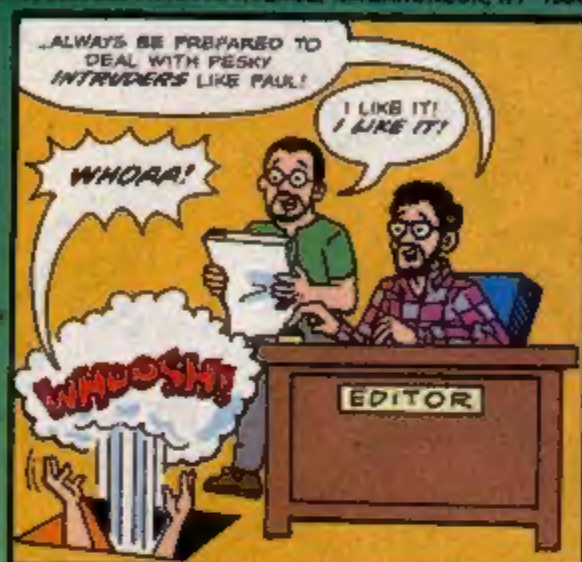
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WELCOME TO OUR TWENTY-FIFTH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

It's taken a lot of hard work to get here, but it was worth every drop of sweat! Whew!

This month, as part of the "festivities," instead of printing another batch of fantastic fan letters, I thought we'd give you a little background on what has helped and will continue to make Sonic's comic book your number one favorite!

Onward!

Scott

AWOOGAI! AWOOGAI! NEW TEAM MEMBER ON DECK!

Starting with this issue, I'm proud to introduce our new Associate Editor...**Freddy Mendez!** *CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!* The latest addition to our staff of goofballs, Freddy is ready to lend his talents to "Sonic Land" with a whole host of outrageous ideas. Freddy's also a heck of an artist—you can catch his coloring artistry on the **Knuckles solo stories** in the **Sonic & Knuckles Special**, on sale now! Address some of your Sonic-Gram letters to the "Fredster" and make the guy feel welcome!

IT'S THE RETURN OF THE ADVENTURES OF SCOTT & PAUL!

You may have chuckled at the gags starring former Sonic Editor Paul Castiglia and myself that have appeared on these pages, but we've never credited the artists who drew them! Here goes: **Issues 12, 14 and 25--Bill Gollher.**

Issues 13 & 16--Dan Parent. You can catch the hilarious stories and art work of these wild and crazy guys regularly in the pages of Archie Comics!

SPEAKING OF PAUL... (affectionately known as "Pauley") My busy buddy (or is that busybody?) may have moved into the position of Archie Comics Manager, Direct Sales & Promotions, but he still has time to **write** a few Sonic adventures. Check 'em out in future issues! I just can't seem to get rid of that guy!

MIKE GALLAGHER **RETURNS!** That famous and funny guy who wrote all those fun-tabulous Sonic Stories up to and including issue #8 is back starting with **this issue!** And this time he's here to stay...we hope!



WHAT'S A HARVO? You may have caught this weird phrase scrawled on Sonic covers and listed in our credits--and you will continue to see it in the months to come. Why? Because Harvo is the nickname for artist **Harvey Mercadoocasio!** When I asked this super talented guy if he has a shortened version of his super long surname he said, "Just call me what my wife Gwen calls me!" So when you see the name Harvo, just think of Harvey Merca...uhh...you get the idea!



SPECIAL THANKS TO **JENNIFER HUNN, CYNTHIA WILKES AND SUSAN REYES AT SEGA...** You've read this acknowledgement a few times, but who are these people?! Why, they're none other than the bright and talented department of wise folk at Sega (Sonic's parents) who work even closer with Sonic himself that we do! Each and every day this gang of professionals works hard to keep the ol' Blue Blur happy by ensuring that Archie Comics accurately depicts the Freedom Fighters' adventures!

SONIC GRABBY

DID YOU **KNOW...** in addition to being the hot new Sonic artist, **Patrick Spaziante** works on staff at Archie Comics as a supreme production artist!! What book does he help put together for our printer? We'll give you **one** guess! Did you also know that Pat is our resident video game expert and an unending source of Sonic info? In fact, we can all thank Pat for the great idea for this issue's story! All together now: **THANKS, PAT!!!**

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•SONIC TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL!
•TAILS MINI-SERIES
•KNUCKLES CHAOTIX SPECIAL!
•KNUCKLES MINI-SERIES!



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